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May 17, 2012

Ari Steinberg
Pacific International Terminals
1131 SW Klickitat Way
Seattle, WA 98134

RE: Status of Application for 401 Water Quality Certification for the Gateway Pacific Terminal project, Whatcom County, Washington

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

By this letter, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides notice that the statutory one year review period for Pacific International Terminals request for a 401 Water Quality Certification for the Gateway Pacific Terminal project will end on **June 6, 2012**. Ecology has one year from the submittal of a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) to make a decision on a request for 401 Certification.

At this time there is insufficient information to process the application for a 401 Certification by June 6, 2012; therefore the following processing options are available:

- You can withdraw the application for a 401, until all the information is available;
- Alternatively, to continue the application review process beyond June 6, 2012, the application can be withdrawn and re-applied.

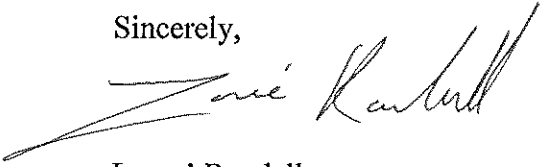
The attached form can be used for either of those processing options. Ecology would need to receive the signed and dated form no later than May 25, 2012.

If Ecology does not receive the requested form by May 25, 2012, we will have to deny the request for a 401 Certification without prejudice. A denial without prejudice does not preclude you from resubmitting a request for a 401 Certification at a later date.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your application or the 401 Certification process at 360/407-6068 or e-mail at lora461@ecy.wa.gov.

Mr. Ari Steinberg
May 17, 2012
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Sincerely,

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Loree' Randall
401/CZM Policy Lead and Unit Supervisor
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Enclosure

By Certified Mail 7009 0820 0001 9056 0748

e-cc: GPT MAP Team Members
Kristie Dunkin

Water Quality Certification Processing
Request to the Washington Department of Ecology

Project Name _____

Applicant _____

Contact Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Check those statements below which correspond to your project.

1. Withdrawal of certification request:

_____ **I would like to withdraw my request for certification. I do not intend to pursue certification of this project at this time.**

_____ **I would like to withdraw my request for certification and re-apply for certification. I understand that this will extend the review period for this project of one additional year.**

2. Changes to project:

_____ **There are no changes in my project proposal which would affect water quality.**

_____ **There are changes in my project proposal that may affect water quality. (If this answer is selected, please attach a new JARPA explaining the changes and their impacts on water quality.)**

I am authorized to make this request on behalf of this applicant.

Signature _____ **Date** _____